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SUBJECT: VOLTAN REQUEST FOR SMITHSONIAN ASSISTANCE

1. SOCIETE AFRICAINE D'ETUDES ET DE DEVELOPPEMENT(SAED) HAS SUBMITTED REQUEST TO SMITHSONIAN FOR FINANCING STUDY PROJECT ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC ROLE OF WOMEN IN RURAL ENVIRONMENT. PROJECT CALLS FOR FOUR MONTH SURVEY OF FIVE REGIONS IN COUNTRY CORRESPONDING TO MAIN TRIBAL GROUPS. TWO VILLAGES FROM EACH REGION WILL BE SELECTED AND TEN FAMILIES WILL BE INTERVIEWED. PURPOSE IS TO GATHER INFORMATION ON WOMANS TRADITIONAL ROLE IN FAMILY, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES. STUDY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY VOLTAN TEAM OF RURAL ECONOMIST AND SOCIOLOGIST/ DEMOGRAPHER. TOTAL COST OF PROJECT IS \$15,000.

2. SAED SUBMITTED PROJECT DOSSIER LAST MARCH TO MRS. NANCY BIRDSALL IN SMITHSONIAN AND IS AWAITING DECISION. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENTS ASSISTANCE IN CHECKING WITH SMITHSONIAN TO DETERMINE STATUS OF REQUEST. SAED IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND WE FEEL PROJECT HAS MERIT ESPECIALLY IN CONTEXT GOUV POST-DROUGHT DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. STUDY ALSO DOVETAILS PERFECTLY WITH OUR OWN EFFORTS TO EXPAND WOMENS ROLE IN AGRICULTURE IN EASTERN ORD PROJECT. GRAHAM

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